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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Ms. Diane Salkie  
ATTN: Lower Passaic River Remedial Project Manager  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division  
U.S. EPA, Region 2  
290 Broadway, 20th Floor  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: Monthly Progress Report No. 79 – March 2019  
Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA)  
River Mile 10.9 Removal Action  
CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2015**

Dear Ms. Salkie:

**de maximis, inc.** is submitting this Monthly Progress Report for the above-captioned project on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Settlement Agreement or AOC). The Progress Report satisfies the reporting requirements of Paragraph 28 of the River Mile (RM) 10.9 Removal Action (RA) Settlement Agreement. The CPG previously identified several issues in Section (d) that delayed and complicated the completion of the RM 10.9 RA. These issues have been resolved by the Region's approval of the Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (LTMP) and the RM 10.9 RA Final Construction Report.

**(a) Actions which have been taken to comply with this Settlement Agreement during the previous month.**

**Meetings/Conference Calls**

- None.

**Correspondence**

- On March 15, CPG delivered the February 2019 Progress Report to EPA Region 2.

**Work**

- Poling of the RM 10.9 RA cap was conducted March 21 – 22 during the Upper 9-Mile Bathymetry Survey.

**Results of Sampling and Tests**

- NA

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**(b) Work planned for the next two months with schedules relating to the overall project schedule for construction completion and monitoring**

- CPG will respond to additional EPA Region 2 comments on the revised Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMMP 2017 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report.
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- CPG will review and process the data collected during the additional poling of the RM 10.9 RA cap during the Upper 9-Mile Bathymetry Survey.

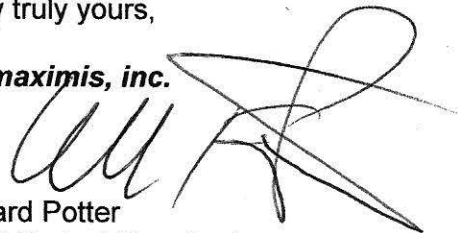
**(c) Problems encountered and anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address actual or anticipated problems or delays**

- N/A

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Law or me at (908) 735-9315.

Very truly yours,

**de maximis, inc.**

  
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